

# KIDSNET Update



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health and follow up.

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**KIDSNET Welcomes:** Anchor Medical Associates – Warwick, Dorcas Place – Full Service Community Schools, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, and Primary Care of Barrington

### ***State-Supplied Vaccine Program Enrollment Opens:***

Enrollment for the 2010-2011 *Immunize For Life* Program opened July 14, 2010. There is now one single enrollment for both the child and adult state-supplied vaccine programs. The enrollment announcement and instructions have been mailed to all providers. The Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) will conduct five enrollment training sessions via tele-conference. To participate, call **1-800-201-2375** and enter the passcode **267027#**. Tele-conference trainings will take place on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am, and July 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

### ***Vaccine Policy Update:***

On March 19, 2010, HEALTH convened the Rhode Island Vaccine Advisory Committee to receive feedback and guidance on state vaccine policy. The committee's recommendations to HEALTH include:

1. Provide HPV vaccine for males nine through 18 years of age to protect against genital warts and the transmission of human papillomavirus (HPV) to females; Coordinate an educational campaign about HPV vaccine safety and its value in preventing HPV infection.
2. Provide seasonal flu vaccine to providers as soon as it is available so that children can be vaccinated at their well child visits.
3. Improve vaccine policy communications to providers.
4. Replace Prevnar (PCV) 7 with the newly licensed PCV13. (See <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2016.pdf> for ACIP guidelines on the PCV13 vaccination schedule.)

The sections below outline changes to state vaccine policy (<http://www.health.ri.gov/immunization/about/vaccinepolicy/index.php>), based on these recommendations.

### ***HPV Vaccine Availability for Males:***

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has provided a "permissive" recommendation that the quadrivalent human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV4-Gardasil) may be given to males aged nine through 26 years to reduce the likelihood of acquiring genital warts and that HPV4 vaccine is most effective when given before exposure to HPV through sexual contact. The recommendations were published in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) on May 28, 2010 and are available at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/news/news-pubs.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/news/news-pubs.htm)

### ***Permissive vs. Routine Vaccine Recommendations:***

According to ACIP, a "permissive" vaccine recommendation implies that vaccine should either be provided upon parental request or proactively offered during office visits. In contrast, a "routine" vaccine recommendation means that vaccine should be proactively provided as the standard of care. At this time, the ACIP does not recommend HPV4 for routine use in males or as part of a vaccine "catch-up" campaign.

For more information about KIDSNET, please visit our website at [www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet](http://www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet).  
Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 401-222-5960 with any questions or suggestions.

## **KIDSNET Reports**

### **Immunization Report**

In June 2010, the following 42 pediatric practices ran the missing immunization report:

Allen Berry Health Center – PCHC, Anchor Medical Associates – Warwick, Arcand Family Medicine, Inc., Atwood Pediatrics, Inc., Bristol County Pediatrics, Capitol Hill Health Center – PCHC, Central Health Center – PCHC, Chad P. Nevola, MD, Chafee Health Center – PCHC, Charles J. Deangelis, MD, FAAP, Ltd, Children First Pediatrics, Cumberland Pediatrics, Inc., Dante A. Ramos, MD, Ltd, Dariusz Kostrzewa, MD, Douglas S. Foreman, DO, East Bay Community Action Program, East Greenwich Family Practice, East Side Pediatrics, Family Treatment Center, Hillside Avenue Family and Community Medicine, Jennifer Souther, MD, Kingstown Pediatrics, Leena Davis, MD – Warwick, Lincoln Pediatric Associates, Michael W. Lucarelli, DO, Narragansett Indian Health Center, Northern RI Pediatrics, Olneyville Health Center – PCHC, Pediatric Associates, Inc., Pediatric Primary Care Center – MHRI, Polly E. Leonard, DO, Rainbow Peds Pedi Primary Care – Hasbro, Rhode Island Family Care, Spectrum Family Health, Inc., Tanya J. Becker, MD, Thomas D. Puleo, MD, LLC, Thundermist Health Center of South County, Wakefield Pediatrics, LLC, Well One Primary Medical – North Kingstown, Well One Primary Medical – Pascoag, Westerly Pediatrics and Wood River Health Services

### **Lead Screening Report**

In June 2010, the following 29 pediatric practices ran the report for children never screened for lead poisoning:

Anchor Medical Associates – Warwick, Arcand Family Medicine, Inc., Bristol County Pediatrics, Capitol Hill Health Center – PCHC, Central Health Center – PCHC, Chad P. Nevola, MD, Cumberland Pediatrics, Inc., Dante A. Ramos, MD, Ltd, Douglas S. Foreman, DO, East Greenwich Family Practice, Jennifer Souther, MD, Leena Davis, MD – Warwick, Lincoln Pediatric Associates, Michael W. Lucarelli, DO, Narragansett Indian Health Center, Olneyville Health Center – PCHC, Pediatric Associates, Inc., Primary Care Center of Quality Hill, Pediatric Primary Care Center - MHRI, Spectrum Family Health, Inc., Tanya J. Becker, MD, Thomas D. Puleo, MD, LLC, Thundermist Health Center of South County, Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket, Waterman Pediatrics – Coastal, Well One Primary Medical - North Kingstown, Well One Primary Medical – Pascoag, Westerly Pediatrics and Wood River Health Services

### **Ordering HPV Vaccine for Males:**

In response to ACIP guidelines, HEALTH will begin supplying HPV4 vaccine for permissive use in males nine through 18 years of age in July through our universal state-supplied vaccine program. Providers may begin ordering with their next vaccine orders. Please edit your "Par Stock" accordingly on your monthly order form.

Note: United Healthcare's vaccine policy does not cover permissive vaccine recommendations. Therefore, although the vaccine will be provided at no cost to providers by the state, United Healthcare will not reimburse for the administration fee.

HEALTH is working with the Rhode Island Cancer Coalition's prevention workgroup to develop a statewide educational campaign to raise awareness among the public about human papillomavirus and the HPV vaccine.

### **2010-2011 Seasonal Influenza Updates:**

#### **ACIP Makes Influenza Vaccination Recommendation Universal:**

In February 2010, ACIP expanded seasonal influenza vaccine recommendations to include the vaccination of all people six months of age and older for the upcoming 2010-2011 flu season. According to CDC, previous recommendations prevented many people in high-risk groups from receiving vaccine because they did not know that they were considered "high risk" or that they were recommended to receive the vaccine. A universal recommendation will help to alleviate public confusion over vaccine recommendations and will support providers in promoting vaccination for all patients, regardless of risk status.

HEALTH received valuable feedback from providers and other partners during an evaluation of our H1N1 flu response. We are currently collaborating with providers, schools, colleges, and other groups to integrate best practices and lessons learned into a comprehensive, statewide seasonal flu vaccination plan. More information about the statewide flu vaccination plan will be provided as it becomes available.

Date ranges for the delivery of seasonal flu vaccine differ by manufacturer. In general, for the 2010-2011 flu season, we can expect to receive 40-50% of total seasonal flu vaccine shipments by the end of September, with the remaining balance delivered by the end of October. MedImmune (FluMist) is suggesting that vaccine may be available as early as August. These dates are always subject to change, but we will do our best to get seasonal flu vaccine out to Rhode Island providers as soon as it is available.

#### **Improving Communications with Providers:**

HEALTH is working to improve the way we communicate vaccine policy changes, updates, and advisories to providers. Surveys to providers enrolled in our H1N1 vaccine program provided valuable feedback on the preferred format, frequency, and channels for provider communications. We will update vaccine providers with more information on how to access the latest information from HEALTH as changes are implemented. We also welcome additional suggestions for improving provider communications. These can be emailed to [vaccine@health.ri.gov](mailto:vaccine@health.ri.gov)